Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 23 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 24 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Dec 2020 at 03:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Wednesday 23 Dec 2020: Dry with sunny spells in the south, bright with a few snow showers in the north and the west coast. Cold northerly breeze.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 23 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	20%	30%	10%	30%

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Weather: A dry day in the south towards the Great Glen bright or sunny spells. Further north and on the west coast, a few snow showers, mostly light but the odd heavy one towards the north coast.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% - some cloud on the tops especially in the north during showers

Visibility: Good, occasionally poor in showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/14 N	18/21 N	21/25 NE	21/26 N	23/30 N	20/24 NW	33/43 NW
900	11/13 N	15/19 N	18/23 NE	19/24 N	21/27 N	17/22 NW	32/41 NW
600	7/10 N	8/11 N	10/14 N	13/18 N	10/15 N	8/13 NW	21/31 NW
300	4/12 N	3/15 N	4/17 N	4/19 N	3/18 N	3/13 NW	9/32 NW
Glen	8/14 NE	5/12 NE	6/15 NE	8/18 N	6/17 N	6/13 N	13/27 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-8	-3/-10	-3/-11	-3/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12	-5/-14
900	-1/-6	-2/-8	-2/-9	-3/-10	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-13
600	1/-3	-0/-4	-0/-5	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-2/-8
300	2/0	2/-0	2/0	1/-1	1/-1	0/-2	1/-3
Glen	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/1	3/1	3/1	3/-1
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	500m	500m	400m	300m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures as temperatures fall and winds rise.

Forecast for Thursday 24 Dec 2020
Weather: Some heavier snow showers overnight and early in the morning giving fresh falls to low levels then becoming isolated in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: North to northwest 30 gusts 40mph easing 15mph in the evening. Severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% rising 70%

Visibility: Poor in snow showers in morning, perhaps very poor in early hours, then mainly good in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius rising to Plus 4 briefly during the day
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: All levels rising to 300m briefly during the day

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